

Boulevard Planning Group
(Approved) MINUTES/SUMMARY, October 1, 2009
Boulevard Fire and Rescue Inc. Bay Mtg. Area, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present: Tammy Daubach, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, Donna Tisdale (Chair). Absence excused: Darlene Koczka, Cheryl Lenz, Patricia Stuart.

1) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** McKernan asked to remove duplicate word “reservation” and duplicate wording “information regarding negative health and safety issues” in Section 2-A.

M/S Noland/McKernan to approve the September 3 minutes as amended. PASSED: 4-0-0.

2) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) PUBLIC REQUEST TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT START OF MEETING:

M/S Noland/McKernan to say the Pledge before roll call. PASSED: 4-0-0.

B) PUBLIC REQUEST TO ASK THAT ALL CELL PHONES BE TURNED OFF DURING GROUP MEETINGS:

No vote was taken. It was agreed that phones should be turned off or silenced with “vibrate” mode.

C) SEATING OF NEW GROUP MEMBER TAMMY DAUBACH TO SEAT #5. Chair Tisdale welcomed Tammy Daubach who was officially approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 22nd and she is officially seated tonight.

3) UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A) NEW 160 MW CAMPO BAND WIND FARM WITH SDG&E AND INVENERGY: Britt Coupens of Invenergy attended the meeting. The Chair asked him if they were going to put a 6th MET tower up on the landfill site. Coupens said that the site was undetermined but that it would be somewhere south of Highway 94.

B) NEW US BORDER PATROL STATION PROPOSED IN BOULEVARD: The Chair said that the comment period has been extended to October 13th or 14th. Tisdale has asked a representative of the Border Patrol if they would consider purchasing adjacent properties because of the impacts and was told that there was no interest.

C) US FOREST SERVICE PROPOSES TO ALLOW 3 MET TOWERS FOR WIND ENERGY TESTING: The Scoping period to make comments on this project has closed.

D) CPUC APPLICATION NO. A.09-08-003: SDG&E'S ECO SUBSTATION: EXPANSION OF BOULEVARD SUBSTATION AND NEW TRANSMISSION LINES FOR WIND ENERGY PROJECTS:

There were three groups that filed a protest and SDG&E had some opposition to that protest. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has not given a date for their comments on the proponent's Environmental Assessment.

E) SEMPRA'S ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ EIS SCOPING REPORT: This report was released for public comment and Tisdale requested the Group's approval to draft a letter to be reviewed by a Group member before mailing.

M/S McKernan/Daubach that the Chair write a letter regarding the Scoping Report on the Energia Sierra Juarez project. Chris Noland will review the letter. PASSED: 4-0-0.

F) SDG&E'S PROPOSED POWER SHUT-OFF PLAN: Tisdale reported that this was rejected by the CPUC but there was some thought that this might be appealed. Daubach shared that in a meeting with the Red Cross that she was told that SDG&E took the CPUC's decision as "advice" but they were not required to follow it. The Red Cross "Care Centers" have not been shut down by SDG&E – they have been told to move forward. SDG&E had wanted to put in a "Care Center" in Boulevard at the Fire Station and install a transfer switch for an emergency generator. However, it is a County-owned building and the County opposes the shut-off and did not want SDG&E to do anything to a County building and they didn't want the liability. The Fire Board had been offered a \$5,000 cash incentive to allow this to happen. It was also reported that the fire station does not meet Red Cross standards.

G) SUNRISE POWERLINK/BLM AND RELATED ISSUES: Tisdale said that there is no new information on this. She has seen other letters that have gone out to the U.S. Forest Service detailing the legal requirements for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and a legitimate amendment to the U.S. Forest Management Plan. The lawsuit has not been filed at this time.

H) IBERDROLA RENEWABLES 200 MW TULE WIND PROJECT PROPOSED FOR MCCAIN VALLEY: The Chair had requested information from Ed Clark of Iberdrola. They have an Application in for three more MET towers from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They were asked if the Sunrise Powerlink was interfering with the placement of their turbines and they did not respond. Tisdale said she understands that the military has strong concerns about the placement of the turbines being in their fly way because turbines can interfere with radar and communications.

I) PROPOSED CAMPO LANDFILL: We have been waiting for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) since 2003.

J) PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Noah Najor of Live Oak Springs Restaurant shared that they wanted to be a good neighbor and to give back to the community. Their race track has been able to raise funds for the Sports Program at the Mt. Empire High School and raised over \$1,000 for the family of the slain Border Patrol Agent. The track is open

on weekends and in daylight hours only. They do not have lights on the track and do not plan on having any because he felt this would cause a problem for the neighbors. He said that he was looking for support from the Planning Group and the community. Marilyn Polen said that, contrary to concerns raised by neighbors, these bikes have spark-resisters and that the track is watered-down for dust control when in use. They have a separate well but Najor said that when extra water is needed, they purchase it through the water company. They are also adding another 20,000 gallons of water storage at Live Oak Springs in case of fire. Najor said that Live Oaks could be a potential Rescue Center. SDG&E has offered to help them with generators. He has not signed any agreement with SDG&E. He apologized for the recent outdoor music event that got out of hand. He promised that he would never ever have that kind of event again. Tisdale suggested that he needed to put his “ducks in a row” on the water usage/satisfy his water customers that their water is not being used on the track, and address other concerns such as dust and noise with neighbors and the County. Najor wanted to make it clear that he is not in charge of the water company at Live Oak Springs – his father is. Noah Najor IS in charge of the track and the restaurant. He said he would check into the large pile of debris that creates a fire hazard that was mentioned by someone in the audience. He said if there are any problems that he wants to be called directly and he will do his best to take care of it. His cell number is: 619-335-6624.

4) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was at 8:47 PM. Minutes are submitted by Cheryl Lenz, Secretary.

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